

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 19 JANUARY 1960

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PRESENT: [REDACTED]

1. New Work

a. D/GG

Additional China operations work for DD/P. Caribbean project.

b. D/GC

Telecommunications atlas on Sino-Soviet Bloc for ERA; Caribbean project.

c. D/GL

Reference Branch has been busy obtaining maps for the President's forthcoming trips to Latin America and Russia.

d. O/Ch/G

25X1A9a The GM on Shatt-al-Arab was well received by the DD/I, who passed it directly on to the DCI. [REDACTED] forwarded a copy 25X1A9a of [REDACTED] paper on to the AD/RR.

2. Travel Plans

a. D/GG 25X1A9a

25X1A9a [REDACTED] staff study has been approved, and he will be leaving on 1 February for an area familiarization trip to Africa.  
25X1A9a ([REDACTED] mentioned that [REDACTED] is in Washington for debriefing, and suggested that it might be a good idea for [REDACTED] to talk with him.)

b. D/GC 25X1A9a

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[REDACTED] plans to visit AGS in New York soon.

3. Significant Conversations and Contacts

a. Col. Diercks (AMS)

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25X1A9a [redacted] reported on a meeting with Col. Diercks, concerning Army's decision to stop production on Caribbean 1:50,000 topo sheets. [redacted] suggested that the priority for the Caribbean project is something we should have taken up at the top levels in CIA to have it brought up in USIB.

b. Operations Techniques Course

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25X1A9a [redacted] reported on a meeting he had with [redacted] (St/A) [redacted] (OTR); it has been arranged with OTR to re-schedule the Operations Techniques Course for the week of 7-11 March. [redacted] 25X1A9a also obtained some information about a 6-week course entitled "Operational Familiarization", and indicated his interest in attending the next offering of the course in October.

4. Problems

a. List of U.S. Delegation to the IGU

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25X1A9a [redacted] On his recent trip to Europe, [redacted] made an agreement with the Russians to exchange lists of people going as delegates to the IGU. [redacted] asked whether names of our people could be included on such a list. [redacted] will check this out with Security.

b. NIS Proofreading

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25X1A9a [redacted] stated that the NIS proofreading problem is being handled by the use of overtime. [redacted] indicated that this 25X1A9a and other problems in the publications line should be taken up with [redacted] and full use made of St/P.

5. China Atlas

Commerce has requested 100 additional copies of the China Atlas for public sale. They are being provided with 85 copies (65 from Record Center; 15 from DD/P; and 5 from State) at the present time.

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7. Progress on the New Building

The DD/I wing is now up to the fifth floor. It is expected that those occupying the first and second floor will move in late this year (this would include D/GL and D/GC).

8. AGS Questionnaire on Proposal for Antarctic Atlas  
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asked that if any other personnel should receive follow-up cards on the AGS questionnaire on the proposal for an Antarctic Atlas, they inform AGS that comments were incorporated into the group comment forwarded under his signature.

9. Geographic Attaches  
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reported that it is now possible to extend GA tours 5 years. He also stated that an attempt is being made to change the GA post in Copenhagen to Stockholm.

10. AAG Meetings  
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is going to look into the possibility of obtaining a "company plane" for transportation to the AAG meetings in Dallas.

11. Control of GM Distribution  
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asked that a standard procedure be established for the control and the accounting for -- by number -- of each GM. 25X1A9a  
25X1A9a was asked to coordinate with St/P/C and D/GG and prepare a Memorandum of Understanding as to what is agreed upon.

12. Proposed Moving and Boxing of our Map Files at Vital Storage  
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of a proposal to move and box Map Library files at Vital Storage. has checked this out with 25X1A9a  
25X1A9a and has been informed that this will not be done. There is a definite possibility that the entire facility, as it is now set up, will be moved to the record center building.